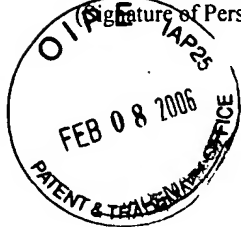


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IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF )  
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Kevin D. MacLean et al. )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 2128  
Serial No. 10/098,714 )  
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Filing Date: 15 March 2002 )  
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Title: USING A SUGGESTED SOLUTION TO )  
SPEED UP A PROCESS FOR SIMULATING )  
AND CORRECTING AN INTEGRATED )  
CIRCUIT LAYOUT )

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- ☒ Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed 23 December 2005.
- ☐ A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension for a small entity.
- ☐ Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F. R. § 1.321(c), including
  - ☐ check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
  - ☐ 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- ☐ Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and \_\_\_ references.
- ☒ No additional claims fees are required.


☐ An additional fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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#### AMENDMENT

Sir

In response to the office action of **23 December 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.